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For: DECOMPOSITION APPARATUS OF ORGANIC COMPOUND, DECOMPOSITION
METHOD THEREOF, EXCIMER UV LAMP AND EXCIMER EMISSION APPARATUS



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 15, 2002, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim for corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing current revisions is attached.

14. (Amended) A decomposition method for decomposing an organic compound fluid, in a decomposition apparatus that comprises an excimer lamp emitting UV light for decomposing said organic compound in said organic compound fluid, which method comprises the steps of:

flowing a organic compound fluid selected from a gas of an organic compound, a liquid thereof, a gas containing an organic compound and a liquid containing an organic compound during the emission of UV light which is irradiated from said excimer lamp, and